

SCANDAL IN SARATOGA.

R. F. SHERMAN LIVING IN STYLE WITH A WOMAN NOT HIS WIFE.

The Best Wife, Left with his Widowed Sister in Maplewood, N. J., Leaves or the State of Affairs, Goes to Saratoga, ad Instituted Suits for Damages and Divorce

SARATOGA, Sept. 13.—A social scandal is just on the eve of culminating here. On July 8 a gentleman and lady arrived at the Grand Union Hotel. The man entered their names upon the hotel register as "R. F. Sherman" and "Mrs. T. D. Parker." They were assigned to connecting rooms, 343 and 345. They were mentioned as being of the "Cuban set," as having lived a year or more in Boston, spent the past winter in Thomasville, Ga., and as having travelled extensively together. Mr. Sherman spoke of Mrs. Parker as being his sister. It turns out that she was his mistress, and that her aliases are "Marion Palmer" and "Hone Park." After remaining at the hotel for twenty days, on July 28 they took possession of the Hon. James O'Brien's beautiful cottage corner of Washington and Franklin streets, which Mr. Sherman rented until the 1st of October. Mr. O'Brien and family meanwhile spending the season at the seashore. Here in this Saratoga cottage home, with "Mrs. T. D. Parker" as mistress and at the head of it all, Mr. Sherman set up an elegant establishment, with carriage and man servants and maid servants galore. In a few days Miss Minnie, daughter of Mrs. Parker's, came from New York to keep her company and still here. Miss Parker is reported to be the daughter of the Mr. Eliza who while living in the United States, caused her wife of drunkenness, and not her into an asylum, where she died last winter. A little later came Mr. Sherman's mother, Mrs. Susan Sherman, from the family home at Maplewood, N. J., and a little later still his widowed sister, Mrs. Edward Book of New York. Mrs. Book's daughter Edith was the belle of Washington last winter and of Newport the summer before. A few days ago Mr. Sherman had his own son "Bennie," a bright nine-year-old lad, brought here, and all these incurious people—mother, son, grandson, sister, nephew, friend—are and have been living together as a happy family, under one roof and under the domestic domination of "Mrs. T. D. Parker," who is neither in fact nor by law, wife or relative, but only to put it frankly, Mr. Benjamin Franklin Sherman's "favorite."

During all this time, until a few days ago the lawless wife and only real Mrs. R. F. Sherman, with their little son, was ignorantly and innocently living at the home in Maplewood, N. J., with her husband's other widowed sister, Mrs. Augustus Stowell, whose husband was the son of the Stoewel who kept the old Shakespeare Inn on Fulton street, New York, so long one of the landmarks of the older times, and which was for so many years the famous popular resort of seamen and politicians.

A few days ago Mrs. R. F. Sherman, having learned that her husband was here, came to Mechanicsville with her boy, and then to Saratoga, but only to find herself detained from joining her son and becoming a member of her lawless home by barriers more revealing than any sarcophagi might be. Of course she did not enter the house, nor would the son take her in, and those who did, who were not to be named, fled from the scene and censured her. She therefore registered at a hotel by her maiden name, "Mrs. Conde," and took a room on the second floor, and sent word to the premises and some of the events submitted to make observations of the situation.

To the credit of Mrs. Book, be it said, that in this interview she condemned the course pursued by her son, expressing her full sympathy with the abominable act, and avowed her determination to do all in her power to bring him to justice.

Mrs. Sherman, of Baltimore, wife of the Judge Scott, was here yesterday in consultation with Mrs. Sherman, and he was instructed to file a complaint against his son-in-law, T. D. Parker, for alienating his husband's affection, and also to institute proceedings for seduction and conspiracy against his husband.

Mr. H. Sherman, it is seen to be, a man of large wealth, not living at the rate of about \$10,000 a year, the promoter of the "Fischer Pianos," for many years, and has an interest in other patents yielding him large revenues. He is well known in New York, and when the city saw his initials, usually accompanied by Mrs. Parker, at Mechanicsville's.

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